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INTERROGATION REPORT ON

RUDOLF TRAPPE (civilian) of OKW/Chi.

1. This report, dated 6th Sept. 1945, was received from Signal Security Det. "D", 7th U.S. Army.

2. The report deals with PW's career and his account of the organisation of OKW/Chi. together with the personalities concerned.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD U S ARMY
SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
APO 403

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Rudolph Trappe.

TO: Commanding Officer, Signal Security Detachment "D",
APO 757, US Army Attn. TICOM.

1. The above named civilian was employed by the Chiffrier-
stelle office, at first the Reichswehrministerium and later the OKW
since 1919 until its capture by the Americans at Werfen, Austria
(A-08).

2. His work follows:- (a) Translations of French and English
military manuals, newspapers, technical articles, clear text
messages, radio and press items.

(b) Decoding French military codes and
systems on hand from base material furnished by CHI. Removing
of double encipherment of same,

(c) Working on successors of codes he
had previously been working on,

(d) Card index of names resulting from
decoding.

3. His places of work follow:

1919 - Munich at military wireless station at Oberwiesenfeld.

1922 - Kassel at military wireless station at Niederkwehren

1924 - Stuttgart - first at Rotebuehl Kaserne

1932 - Stuttgart area - then at Burgholzshof

1933 - Berlin - Reichswehrministerium

1942 - Berlin - Roon Strasse (low number)

1943 - Berlin - Prinz Heinrich Strasse

1943 - Berlin - Haus des Fremdenverkehrs, Potsdamer Brücke

March 1945 - Halle - Heeresnachrichtenschule

5 April 1945 - En route to Frien, Chiem See, Bavaria;
however, because of air attacks never
reached there

3 May 1945 - Arrived at Werfen, Austria.

4. Organisation of OKH/CHI
 N V - General Gimmler

CHI - Colonel Kettler, then
 Colonel Hoepfner

Main Group "A"
 Major Mettig

Main Group "B"
 Ministerialrat Fenner

I, II, III
 administration, communications,
 personnel, supply, interception (?)
 Oberinspektor Menzer

IV Analysis
 RR, (Dr.) Huettenhain
 V Deciphering, Decoding,
 translating
 Ministerialrat Wendland
 VI Archives; statistics;

Sub Group V subdivided into "Ländergruppen", each section had a
 Beamter in charge, (Ober-Regierungsrat or Regierungsrat).

The Ländergruppen number is shown if known:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Government covered</u>	<u>Chiefs and/or Assistants.</u>
V/13	United States, England Japan, China Spain, South America, Mexico	O.R.R. Rohen; RR (Dr.) Weisser 1st Lt. Adler RR Kiefer
V/5	France, Switzerland	ORR (Dr.) Mueller; Hellmuth
V/6	Italy Russia Poland Scandinavian States Turkey, Greece, (Persia)	ORR Raffel Prof. Novopaschenny Berndt (Det Civil-Servant) RR Weverink Min R Seiffert; RR Locker
V/3	Czechoslovakia Serbia Croatia Roumania	RR Rotter Min. R. (Dr) Wendland Major (Dr) Lenschau

Sub Group IV had following as main analysts:

Prof. (Dr) Aumann - Elsendorf, Bei Mainburg
 Prof. (Dr) Weber - (Possibly Werner Weber now at Third Army
 Interrogation Centre)
 Dr. Schultz
 Dr. Witte (Prof.)
 Dr. Aigner
 Prof. (Dr) Franz - (U.S. and British specialist)

5. Other personnel known by Trappe:

Hans Schmidt - worked with Trappe.
 address - % Kober, Markt 12
 Weissenfels/Seale

Otto Kuehn - OKH, instructor in cryptography
 address - % Person Otto, Bergstrasse
 Rossleben a.d. Unstrut.

B. Harmsand OKH - Section England, America.
Wernet OKH - France (?), America, England (?)
Capt. Priepré - Formerly W/T Exploiter (T/A); personnel
officer (OKW/CHI)
1st Lt. Richter - Technical Radio Officer
Dr. Scherbarth - Finance Officer (OKW/CHI)

6. Co-Workers in the L'ndergruppen:

Italy: Maitler, Tessman
France: Gelsing; Cruell; Luebbe; Wirsche
England: Mors; Kalle
Serbia: Cruell Tr.;
Roumania: Friedrich; Dose
Japan: Bayreuter, Schmal; Hierer; Maillat
Poland: Wieczorek
Czechoslovakia: Dr. Liebgens

7. Chiefs of Chiffrierstelle

1919 - 1st Lt. Buschönhagen (Now PW in Russian hands, German
Sixth Army.)
1927 - Major Schmidt
1931 - Major Fellgeibel
1932 - Major Oschmann
1934 - Major Boetzel
1939 - Major Kempff
1943 - Major Kettler
1945 (March) - Colonel Hoepfner

8. OKW/CHI ceased to exist in late April 1945 when all personnel
and functions were transferred to "General der Nachrichten Aufklärung"
under OKH. The Chief was General Boetzel.

9. Rudolph Trappe is available at Lampferding (Z-2238).

For the Signal Intelligence Officer:

(signed) GENE R. SILBER
1st Lt, Sig C,
Rad Int O.